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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION

ESTATE OF DAVID BURKHART,

Plaintiff,

v.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF
VETERANS AFFAIRS,

Defendant.

No. C 07-5467 JCS

**DEFENDANT'S REQUEST FOR
REASSIGNMENT TO A UNITED
STATES DISTRICT COURT JUDGE
FOR TRIAL AND DISPOSITION**

Defendant, by and through its undersigned counsel, specially appears¹ and hereby declines to consent to the assignment of this case to a United States Magistrate Judge for trial and disposition and hereby requests the reassignment of this case to a United States District Court Judge.

DATED: January 31, 2008

Respectfully submitted,

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By: /s/
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¹ Defendant does not waive its right to assert any jurisdictional issues related to this case.